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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, DaVita Inc. hereby submits a letter of intent regarding its intention to apply for a certificate of need for a twenty-two station dialysis center in Richland, WA. In conformance with the requirements of WAC, the following information is provided:

A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

DaVita Inc. intends to establish a twenty-two station dialysis facility that will provide and support hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis. The facility will be located in Richland, WA.

Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The capital expenditure associated with this project is estimated to be \$1,883,554.00, inclusive of the application fee.

Description of the Service Area:

The service area is Benton County.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Heather Ashbaugh
Regional Operations Director
Pacific Gold Region 6